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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1873.
The day was generally observed by our citizens as a day of rest, stores and places of business being nearly all closed and the majority of the workingmen refraining from labor. The day was beautiful and spring-like and a large number of people attended the annual meeting of the Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist denominations, which were held in the church of the latter. Rev. Dr. J. H. Knox, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preached a very interesting and instructive sermon, of which we give a brief abstract.

This text was taken from the triumphal song of Moses, celebrating the deliverance of Israel from Egypt, by the passage of the Red Sea, found in Exodus 15:1-19. "Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth the people which thou hast redeemed; thou hast guided them in their strength unto thy holy habitation."

As an introductory he took notice of the pleasant fact that in these later years the observance of Thanksgiving day had become a national custom, and expressed a fervent desire that it might not only become national in name, but in fact; the people coming into it with the inspiration of one man to their houses of worship to give praise to Almighty God for his manifold mercies. He adverted to the depressing events of the year; the pestilence which had desolated so many southern homes; the threatenings of our leaders of the outrages committed by the Cuban Government in the seizure of the Virginius and the murder of her passengers; and the financial distress, upon which topics he remarked that on a Friday day would be proper to dwell.

He passed them by, however, with but a simple allusion, and directed the thoughts of his audience to some considerations of the condition of the country, which, in his judgment, were more appropriate to the day set apart to thank God for his goodness. In doing this he dwelt at large on the composite character of the citizens of the land; that they were not Englishmen, nor Irishmen, nor Scotchmen, nor any of the other countries in particular; but they were Americans, representing in their persons various nationalities, and getting from each some important element necessary to perfect the character. This commingling of the races had already been of great service, and as immigration is ever increasing, he argued that if we are true to ourselves and to the advantages we enjoy, it must in the future lead us to our prosperity.

In our report of the proceedings of the Y. M. C. A. last week we omitted to mention that a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Archibald Campbell, of 125 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, for 21 books presented to the Association, and for Miss Peterson, of Bristol, for a donation of books.

Last night a party composed of thirteen members of our Bristol Fire Company attended a ball given at Union Hall, New York, under the auspices of the New-York Fire Company. They speak highly of the reception tendered them and came home well pleased with their excursion.

We are pleased to notice the rapid recovery of Mr. David J. Mansfield, who it will be remembered fell from a roof on Washington St. some weeks since. Under the able treatment of Dr. Rousset he has so far recovered as to be able to walk a short distance with the assistance of a crutch.

The revival in the Methodist church in this place is still going on with increased interest. Last Sunday morning fourteen converts joined the church on probation, and on Sunday evening the church was crowded to suffocation, many were not permitted to leave, not being able to obtain even standing room.

A PLEASANT affair took place last Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. J. B. Headley, on the Bath road. The occasion was the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his marriage by a silver wedding. About seventy-five persons sat down to supper and mirth and merriment was the order of the hour.

Mr. A. C. BERNELL, of Chicago, is expected to address a meeting at the home of the Young Men's Christian Association, on Wednesday evening, December 10th, at 7 o'clock. Mr. Johnson, of Philadelphia, is also expected to be present and the exercises will be interesting and profitable. A full attendance is looked for and all are invited.

We would call the attention of those concerned to the dangerous condition of the sidewalk on Wood street between the corner of Walnut and the Methodist church. The bricks are torn up in several places making it unsafe for pedestrians traveling that side of the street after nightfall. This matter should be attended to at once.

